

- 1        2.        (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said sensor  
2                   comprises one from the group, an accelerometer, a displacement sensor, a strain  
3                   gauge, a pressure gauge, a thermometer, a flow monitor, a heart monitor, an EKG,  
4                   an EMG, an EEG, a blood monitor, a force gauge, a humidity monitor, a growth  
5                   rate monitor, a ripeness monitor, a light intensity gauge, a radiation detector, a  
6                   chemical detector, a corrosion detector, or and a toxic monitor.
- 1        3.        (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 2, wherein said sensor  
2                   comprises an array of said accelerometers.
- 1        4.        (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 2, wherein said sensor comprises a  
2                   linear or angular accelerometer.
- 1        5.        (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 2, wherein said sensor comprises a  
2                   resistive accelerometer or a piezoelectric accelerometer.
- 1        6.        (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said sensor is for detecting  
2                   vibration.
- 1        7.        (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said sensing unit is for  
2                   attaching to an architectural structure or to a vehicle.
- 1        8.        (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said ~~data~~  
2                   sensing unit is for wearing by the live subject.
- 1        9.        (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said ~~data~~  
2                   sensing unit is for implanting in the live subject.



- 1 17. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 16, wherein said power supply  
2 comprises a rechargeable battery or fuel cell.
- 1 18. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 17, further comprising a circuit for  
2 recharging said battery by inductive coupling.
- 1 19. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 18, further comprising a hermetically  
2 sealed housing, wherein said sensor and said circuit for recharging is in said  
3 housing and said coupling is through said housing.
- 1 20. (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 18, wherein said circuit for  
2 recharging is in the said housing and an antenna for said the coupling is located  
3 outside the said housing.
- 1 21. (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said sensing  
2 unit further first receiving device comprises an RF receiver for receiving a said  
3 real time signal from said triggering device.
- 1 22. (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said first  
2 transmitting device is includes an RF transmitter.
- 1 23. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said sensing unit includes  
2 a clock, wherein said control unit includes a time reference, and wherein said  
3 second transmitting device is capable of sending a timing signal to said sensor  
4 unit for synchronizing said clock to said time reference.
- 1 24. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 23, wherein said timing signal is for  
2 synchronizing a plurality of said sensors or for synchronizing a sensor with  
3 another apparatus.

- 1 25. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 23, wherein said first storage device is  
2 connected to receive and record said timing signal.
- 1 26. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said first data storage  
2 device continually records.
- 1 27. (Cancel) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said first storage device is  
2 controlled by data received by said sensor.
- 1 28. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 27, wherein when said data received  
2 by said sensor reaches a threshold, data in said first storage device is retained.
- 1 29. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 28, wherein said retained data  
2 includes data received after said sensor reaches said threshold.
- 1 30. (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said sensing  
2 unit further comprising includes a feedback device for adjusting said parameter  
3 based on said data.
- 1 31. (Cancel) The apparatus as recited in claim 30, wherein said feedback device is  
2 located in said sensing unit.
- 1 32. (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 30, further comprising a  
2 sensor capable of detecting excessive vibration, wherein said feedback device is  
3 an active damping element to reduce vibration in response to ~~measured~~ excessive  
4 vibration.

1 33. (Cancel) The apparatus as recited in claim 30, wherein said feedback device is an  
2 active damping element to reduce vibration in response to measured excessive  
3 vibration.

1 34. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said second data storage  
2 device comprises a computer.

1 35. (Original) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said control unit further  
2 comprises a device to signal a user that data exceeding a preset threshold has been  
3 reached.

1 36. (Cancel) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein said control unit further  
2 comprises a transmitter.

1 37. (Cancel) The apparatus as recited in claim 36, wherein said control unit comprises  
2 said device to trigger said sensing unit through said transmitter.

1 38. (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, further comprising a  
2 plurality of sensing units, wherein said ~~control unit is capable of sending second~~  
3 transmitting device is connected to send address information to said sensor  
4 sensing units unit to activate all sensing units, to activate specific sensing units  
5 based on the addresses of the individual sensing units or to communicate with an  
6 individual ~~sensor~~ sensing unit of a said plurality of ~~sensor~~ sensing units.

1        39.        (Currently amended) A method of collecting data, comprising the steps of:

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3                    a)        providing a sensing unit for attaching to a structure or live subject  
4                                for sensing a parameter of the structure or live subject, said sensing  
5                                unit comprising a sensor, a first data storage device, a first  
6                                receiving device, and a first transmitting device, said first data  
7                                storage device for storing data from said sensor, said first  
8                                transmitting device for transmitting data derived from said sensor;

9                    b)        providing a control unit separable from said sensing unit, said  
10                                control unit comprising a second data receiving device and a  
11                                second data storage device different from said first storage device,  
12                                said second data receiving device to receive data transmitted from  
13                                said data sensing unit, said second data storage device for storing  
14                                said data received from said sensing unit; and

15                    c)        transmitting a real time signal to said first receiving device to  
16                                trigger a change in sensor data handling, sensor data collection, or  
17                                storage of sensor data in said first sensing unit; and

18                    d)        triggering transmitting data from said first sensing unit to said data  
19                                receiving device.

20                    ~~c)        providing a trigger signal for modifying the storing of data being~~  
21                                ~~stored to said first data storage device or for initiating transmission~~  
22                                ~~of data from said sensing unit to said control unit, wherein said~~  
23                                ~~trigger signal is a real time change in information about the~~  
24                                ~~structure or live subject.~~

1       40.     (Currently amended) A data collection apparatus, comprising a network of  
2       addressable sensing units and a control unit, said sensing units for attaching to at  
3       least one structure or at least one live subject, ~~said sensing units for sensing a~~  
4       ~~parameter of the at least one structure or at least one live subject,~~ said sensing  
5       units each comprising a sensor, an addressable microprocessor, a first data storage  
6       device connected to said microprocessor, a first transmitting device and a first  
7       receiving device, wherein said sensing units is configured so a real time signal  
8       from said control unit to said sensing unit can trigger a change in data handling,  
9       data collection, or data storage in said sensing unit or sensor data transmission  
10      from said sensing unit.

1       41.     (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 40, ~~further comprising a~~  
2       wherein said control unit is separable from said sensing units, further wherein said  
3       ~~control unit comprising a second transmitter, comprises~~ a second receiver[[,]] and  
4       a second data storage device for storing data received from said ~~plurality of~~  
5       sensing units.

1       42.     (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 41, wherein said control  
2       unit can transmit address information to activate all sensor units or to activate  
3       specific sensor units, or to activate one of said sensor units.

1       43.     (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 41, wherein said control  
2       unit can provide an address to query each sensor unit individually.

1       44.     (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 41, wherein said second  
2       transmitting device is for transmitting a timing signal for synchronizing said  
3       plurality of sensing units.

- 1 45. (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 40, wherein said  
2 microprocessor can query, activate, or send timing information to each sensor of  
3 said sensing unit individually or to can activate all sensors at once.
- 1 46. (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 40, wherein said sensor  
2 units further comprise a signal conditioner, and an A/D converter, and a clock for  
3 microprocessor functions and to track time.
- 1 47. (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 40, wherein said first data  
2 storage device is connected to said first transmitting device for transmitting data  
3 to said control unit when a signal triggering transmission is received.
- 1 48. (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 40, wherein said first  
2 transmitter and said second transmitter are wireless transmitters.
- 1 49. (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 40, further comprising a  
2 triggering device for modifying the storing of data being stored to said first data  
3 storage device or for initiating transmission of data from said plurality of sensors  
4 to said control unit, wherein said triggering device is controlled by a real time  
5 change in information about the structure or live subject.



1 50. (Currently amended) A data collection apparatus, comprising:

2 a plurality of sensing units for attaching to at least one structure or at least  
3 one live subject, ~~said sensing units for sensing a parameter of the at least~~  
4 ~~one structure or at least one live subject~~, said sensing units each  
5 comprising a sensor, a first data storage device, a first transmitting device  
6 and a first receiving device; and

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8 a control unit separable from said sensing units, said control unit  
9 comprising a second transmitting device, a second receiving device, and a  
10 second data storage device, for transmitting a timing signal for  
11 synchronizing said plurality of sensing units, a second receiver, and a said  
12 second data storage device for storing data received from said plurality of  
13 sensing units, wherein each of said sensing units is configured so a real  
14 time signal from said control unit to said sensing unit can trigger  
15 transmitting data derived from said sensor by said first transmitting device.

1 51. (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 50, wherein said sensor  
2 units are each further comprise an addressable microprocessor, and wherein said  
3 ~~control unit~~ second transmitting device is further for transmitting timing and  
4 address information to said sensor units.

1 52. (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 51, wherein said address  
2 information is to activate all sensor units or to activate specific sensor units ~~based~~  
3 ~~on the address of the individual sensor unit.~~

1 53. (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 51, wherein said control  
2 unit can provide an address to query each sensor unit individually.

1 54. (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim ~~50~~ 51, wherein said sensor  
2 units each further comprise a ~~microprocessor~~ plurality of sensors wherein said  
3 microprocessor can query~~[[,]]~~ or activate, ~~or send timing information to each of~~  
4 said sensors ~~sensor~~ individually or to all said sensors at once.

1 55. (Cancel) The apparatus as recited in claim 54, wherein said microprocessor is  
2 addressable.

1 56. (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim ~~54~~ 51, wherein said sensor  
2 units each further comprise a signal conditioner~~[[,]]~~ and an A/D converter, ~~and a~~  
3 ~~clock~~.

1 57. (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim ~~54~~ 51, wherein said  
2 microprocessor controls storage to said first data storage device.

1 58. (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 50, wherein said first  
2 transmitting device can transmit data from said first storage device to said control  
3 unit.

1 59. (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim ~~59~~ 50, wherein said  
2 second data receiving device and second data storage device are for receiving and  
3 storing said data transmitted to said control unit.

1 60. (Currently amended) The apparatus as recited in claim 50, wherein said first  
2 ~~transmitter~~ transmitting device and said second ~~transmitter~~ transmitting device are  
3 wireless transmitters.

1       61.     (Previously presented) The apparatus as recited in claim 50, further comprising a  
2             triggering device for modifying the storing of data to said first data storage device  
3             or for initiating transmission of data from said sensing unit to said control unit,  
4             wherein said triggering device is controlled by a real time change in information  
5             about the structure or live subject.

1       62.     (New) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, further comprising a host computer,  
2             wherein said control unit is connected to said host computer.

1       63.     (New) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein a user operating on said host  
2             computer can send a signal to trigger data collection.

1       64.     (New) The apparatus as recited in claim 1, further comprising a triggering device  
2             for modifying the storing of data being stored to said first data storage device or  
3             for initiating transmission of data from said sensing unit to said control unit,  
4             wherein said triggering device is controlled by a real time change in information  
5             about the structure or live subject.

1       65.     (New) The apparatus as recited in claim 10, wherein said sensing units is  
2             configured so a real time signal from said control unit to said sensing unit can  
3             trigger a change in data handling, data collection, or data storage in said sensing  
4             unit and sensor data transmission from said sensing unit.

1       66.     (New) The method as recited in claim 39, wherein in said triggering step (d) said  
2             triggering transmitting data step is provided by a trigger signal generated within  
3             said sensing unit or by a trigger signal received from said control unit.

- 1        67.    (New) The apparatus as recited in claim 40, wherein said sensing units is  
2                configured so a real time signal from said control unit to said sensing unit can  
3                trigger a change in data handling, data collection, or data storage in said sensing  
4                unit and sensor data transmission from said sensing unit.